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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 as follows:

Portable objects, such as contactless smart cards, are currently widely used in numerous applications. It generally entails ISO format cards which are coupled to readers, through which they are remotely enrgized energized, that is, by which they receive energy in the form of a magnetic field and with which they communicate. In public transport sectors, such means have also be implemented in the form of ISO cards or in a smaller format such as tickets. Users present the subscription cards in front of readers in order to gain access to public transport. The communication which is established between the card and the reader enables user recognition and the cost of the trip to be deducted from the user's account.